

**CHAPTER NO. 814**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2827**

**By Representative Winningham**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2969**

**By Senator McNally**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49 and Section 10-7-504 relative to education data.

WHEREAS, Tennessee adopted the Tennessee Value Added Assessment System in 1992 and therefore has one of the most complete sets of educational data available in the nation; and

WHEREAS, access to Tennessee's data is requested frequently by educational researchers; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee stands to benefit from use of the data by educational researchers; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

49-1-218.

(a) The commissioner of education shall establish guidelines regarding the timely and responsible release of education data for research purposes.

(b) In establishing such guidelines, the commissioner shall assemble a task force which shall be composed of the commissioner or the commissioner's designee, the chair of the higher education commission or the chair's designee, the chair of the state board of education or the chair's designee, the comptroller of the treasury or the comptroller's designee, one person appointed by the chair of the education committee of the house of representatives and one person appointed by the chair of the education committee of the senate. No individual with a direct financial interest in the use of education data may serve on the task force.

(c) The task force shall report its findings to the select oversight committee on education no later than December 1, 2002. The guidelines will be further submitted to the house and senate education committees by January 15, 2003.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 29, 2002

  
JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this day of 2002

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DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR

Pursuant to Article III, Section 18, of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, the Governor had House Bill No. 2827 in his possession longer than ten (10) days, so therefore the bill becomes law without the Governor's signature.